The procurement team for Georgia Infrastructure Transformation (GAIT) 2010 met its first major milestone on January 29 with the release of the Request for Qualified Contractors (RFQC). It is available on the State Procurement Registry at http://ssl.doas.state.ga.us/PRSapp/PR_index.jsp.

The goal for releasing the RFQC was March 10. Completing the RFQC more than one week ahead of schedule is a tribute to the focus and dedication of the procurement team. It demonstrates that after only one month, the team is moving quickly and accomplishing a great deal of work.

The RFQC phase of the procurement process will identify service providers who are interested in bidding on the state's IT consolidation and outsourcing initiative. Only service providers who qualify under the scope of the RFQC will be able to respond to the upcoming Requests for Proposal (RFPs).

The RFQC requests proposals for two streams of work. The first is for infrastructure services (Stream 1), including data centers, mainframes, servers, PCs and laptops. The second stream is for managed network services (Stream 2), which includes the state's wide area network. The RFQC invites prospective service providers to submit responses for either or both streams.

RFQC Timeline

- Prospective service providers submit questions – March 3-10
- Answers to questions posted on the State Procurement Registry – March 12
- Last day for prospective service providers to respond to the RFQC – March 14
- Notify unsuccessful service providers – March 21
- Clarify responses from prospective service providers (if needed) – March 25-27 and April 1-3
- Announce selection of qualified service providers – April 7

RFP Timeline
- Release RFPs, conduct competitive bidding – April through October 2008
- Transition to external service providers – November 2008 to March 2009

Current information about GAIT 2010 is always available on GTA's Web site at www.gta.georgia.gov/transformation.

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